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# Advisory Circular

**Subject:** AIRPORT SIGNING AND GRAPHICS

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**Change:**

**1. PURPOSE.** This advisory circular provides guidance on airport related signs and graphics.

**2. CANCELLATION.** Advisory Circular (AC) 150/5360-12C, Airport Signing and Graphics, dated August 29, 2001 is canceled.

**3. BACKGROUND.** The American Association of Airport Executives, the Airports Council International - North America, the Air Transport Association of America, and the Airport Consultants Council have jointly published a manual "Guidelines for Airport Signing and Graphics" (latest revision 2001). This publication is the result of research and development work by an Airport Signing and Graphics Task Force composed of members from these organizations, supported by professionals in the design community, sign manufacturers, the Society of Environmental Graphics Designers, the American Institute of Graphic Arts, the Institute of Transportation Engineers, the Institute of Transportation Studies, the Aerospace Industries Association of America, and the Federal Aviation Administration.

**4. GENERAL.** The industry manual includes chapters on signing philosophy, standard terminology, lettering styles, color coding, aviation symbols, arrow graphic applications, sign locations, material selections, and maintenance and repair procedures. Major elements from the Department of Transportation (DOT) Graphic Standards Manual (1981), developed by the American Institute of Graphic Arts, in cooperation with the DOT Office of Facilitation, have been included in the industry manual. The current edition of the industry manual now provides guidance on dynamic signing and an emphasis on signing for persons with disabilities. The manual is available in both hard copy and CD-ROM versions.

## **5. RECOMMENDATIONS.**

**a.** Use of "Guidelines for Airport Signing and Graphics" in designing airport terminal signing systems is recommended. At international airports, designers and airport authorities may also wish to consult the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Document 9430-C/1080, "International Signs to Provide Guidance to Persons at Airports (1984)," for assurance that information for international travelers is satisfactorily presented.

**b.** The preparation and location of signing for terminal related roadways and other thoroughfares should comply with the Federal Highway Administration's "Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways."

**6. HOW TO OBTAIN THE MATERIAL REFERRED TO IN THIS CIRCULAR.** The joint industry manual, the ICAO document, and the Federal Highway Administration publication may be obtained, respectively, as follows:

**a.** Apple Designs, Inc., 606 Front Street, Celebration, FL 34747. Telephone Number: (407) 566-1416, Fax: (407) 566-1431.

**b.** International Civil Aviation Organization (Attention: Distribution Office), Box 400; 1000 Sherbrooke Street West; Montreal, Quebec; Canada H3A 2R2.

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